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For: **METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR MULTIPLEX AMPLIFICATION OF
NUCLEIC ACIDS**

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 9, 2004, applicants request reconsideration of the patentability of the rejected claims. Claims 15-32 are pending and stand rejected. The fee for filing a terminal disclaimer under 37 CFR § 1.20(d) is enclosed with this response. We believe that no other fees are due. If any other fee is required please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Enclosed with this Office Action are:

- Declaration of Hajime Matsuzaki; and
- Terminal disclaimer over U.S. Patent 6,333,179.